

# The Kansas Sonshine



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*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". John 8:12*



**S** *Serving grace-fully*

**O** *in joyful Obedience*

**N** *with a New focus*

**Serve!** Have you been “**following the SON**”? The “S” in SON reminds us to follow by **serving grace-fully**. As I let Jesus take the lead, I find myself in places I did not think I’d ever be. For starters, being your District President was not on my radar. But I obediently listened to God’s will and here we are! I am committed to serving the Kansas District in the best ways possible and I hope to do so **grace-fully** and with the grace of God.

My recent service to the Kansas District (and to myself) was attending the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington. The convention was a wonderful experience for nearly 2800 people, and it seems it was a bundle of “firsts” in many ways.

*It was my first convention as a district president. And my first time to serve as a voting delegate at a national convention.*

*It was the first time I carried a banner during a banner procession.*

*It was the first time I had the privilege of meeting the other district presidents and the LWML Board of Directors face-to-face and not on a screen.*

*It was the first time for many of the Kansas delegates to serve in that role.*

*It was also the first time for many Kansans to attend a national convention.*

*It was the first time I had been to Lexington, Kentucky, and the first time to view the beautiful scenery. All the white and brown fences surrounding the pastures were a sight to behold.*

*LWML was the first convention held in Lexington since the pandemic shut everything down.*

*LWML was the first convention held in the new convention center adjacent to Rupp Arena. The Hyatt and Hilton hotel managers, as well as the Convention Bureau, sent video messages of thanks for enabling them to put their laid off people back to work!*

I’d like to think that LWML served the city of Lexington in a graceful manner as we literally painted the town purple. Not only did purple LWML attire show up all over, but the city lights lit up the downtown area in a flood of purple. The people of Lexington were gracious as they hosted us as guests; as guests, we showed them the grace and love of our Lord and Savior.

More highlights and pictures can be found on [page 17](#) of this publication.  
Please also visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for more information!

Kim Burdett  
District President



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I really enjoy reading Luke 24. In this chapter, Jesus has just risen from the dead. And when He appears to his followers, He does a Bible study with them, and then He gives them their marching orders.

In His Bible study with the disciples, Jesus connects the Old Testament, *Moses and the Prophets* (v. 27; 44), with Himself. The Old Testament is the history of how God prepared the way for the Savior. It's all about getting to Jesus. And Jesus then connects the dots for the disciples.

Consider some of the Old Testament stories:

- Noah and the flood foreshadowed Baptism (Genesis 6-9; 1 Peter 3:18-21).
- Abraham (almost) sacrificed Isaac foreshadowing the Son of God's sacrifice (Genesis 22).
- *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,"* (John 3:14; Numbers 21).
- The shepherd boy, David, became king which points us to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who is also our king.
- The tabernacle/temple was the presence of God among His people, *and the Word became flesh and dwelt* (tabernacled) *among us ...* (John 1:14a).
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were saved from the fiery furnace and Jesus saves us from the fires of hell.

I could go on and on. The Old Testament stories are pictures of Jesus and the work He does in saving us. I would have loved to have been there for that Bible study that Jesus gave the disciples.

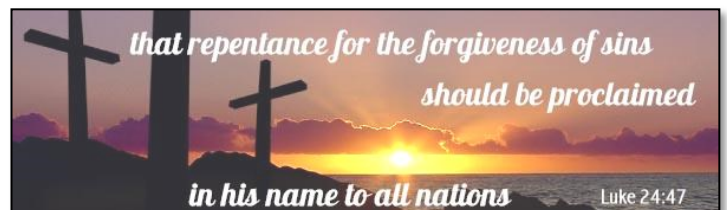
And then Jesus gave the disciples their marching orders. Jesus told them *"that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name ..."* (Luke 24:47).

In Luke's second tome, the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the apostles did what they were told. Their preaching and teaching is all about Jesus and the forgiveness of sins that he has won for us.

- *"Repent and be baptized ... in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" ...* (Acts 2:38).
- *"to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).*
- *"that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43).*
- *"that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you" (Acts 13:38).*
- *"that they may receive forgiveness of sins" (Acts 26:18).*

The forgiveness of sins, also known as the Gospel, is the power of God (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18). It is at the heart and center of what we do. It is why we do what we do. Because of Christ, we are forgiven. Paul wrote, *For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified* (1 Corinthians 2:2). When we do this, we know we are getting it right.

Because this is the message of the church, live in it. If you are carrying guilt, focus on the forgiveness that Christ won for you. Rejoice that you wear the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. Live boldly what God has declared you to be—His forgiven child!



## CARING SERVICE | Betty Amey, Vice President

Thanks to all who have saved and collected new and like new eyeglasses for MOST Ministries. We will be sending two boxes of glasses to the convention on the Kansas bus. Continue to collect glasses for future ingatherings. Please do not send hard cases. Good sunglasses are also welcomed.

July and August are great times to purchase items for school kits. Either drawstring or zipper style backpacks are welcomed. Consider Thrivent Action Teams for funding projects for your group servant activities. Ingathering for KAOL will be Orphan Grain Train school kits and hygiene kits or individual items for the kits. Kit items and assembly instructions can be found on the Caring Service page of the LWML Kansas District website, [www.kansaslwml.org/caring-service/](http://www.kansaslwml.org/caring-service/).

I hope to spend time at the exhibits in Lexington gathering ideas for caring service opportunities. If your LWML group has had a good experience with a caring service activity, please share your idea through *The Kansas Sonshine*. Email your experience to [sonshine@kansaslwml.org](mailto:sonshine@kansaslwml.org). Caring service ideas often change to fit the season. Be sure to visit [www.lwml.org/mission-service-activities](http://www.lwml.org/mission-service-activities) for activities of the month, and much more!

### Did you miss the one-year LWML Mission Service Calendar?

You can view and print the 2018 and 2019 calendars found on the LWML website, [www.lwml.org/posts/mission-servants-activities/mission-service-calendar](http://www.lwml.org/posts/mission-servants-activities/mission-service-calendar). There's a new idea each month of the year with emphasis on the LWML primary focus areas of "Nurturing Faith in Christ, Making our Faith Meaningful, and Sharing Encouragement." Items are not dated, so you can use them in any year you'd like!



Check out [LWML Toolkit Kits](#) on the LWML website. Find suggestions for ingatherings and instructions for assembling kits.

[www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lwml-toolkit-kits](http://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lwml-toolkit-kits)

## 2021 Lutheran World Relief

Pickup times for all locations is  
9 AM to Noon

**WICHITA** – Tuesday, October 5  
Holy Cross Lutheran, 600 N. Greenwich

**HAYS** – Wednesday, October 6  
Trinity Lutheran, 2703 Fort St.

**SALINA** – Thursday, October 7  
Trinity Lutheran, 702 S Ninth St.

**TOPEKA** – Friday, October 8  
Christ Lutheran, 3509 SW Burlingame

C.J. and Sharon Cross, LWR Coordinators

In 1953, these were the suggestions for filling a Mite Box:

- \* Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day,
- \* Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted,
- \* Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day.

In 2021, there are a few more suggestions:

- \* Mite Calendar—download and print the current month and follow the calendar to fill your Mite Box,
- \* Share a "mites" devotion or a sketch with your LWML Group.



These and more resources are available at  
[www.lwml.org/posts/handbook-resources/mite-box-resources](http://www.lwml.org/posts/handbook-resources/mite-box-resources)

Send mite offerings to:

Kathryn Richard  
Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 314  
Arma, KS 66712

OR  
donate online  
at

[kansaslwml.org/giving](http://kansaslwml.org/giving)



Summer! As a teacher I look forward to summer as a time to refresh and recharge. As a servant in the LWML Kansas District, I also look forward to summer as a time to refresh and recharge – at KAOL!

I have to admit that early in my relationship with the LWML, I had no idea what those letters stood for. Veterans of LWML district service would casually sprinkle KAOL, BOD, EC, and YWR into conversations and reports. I remember thinking, “Somehow I missed my dose of alphabet soup!”

Now that I am becoming a seasoned veteran, I find myself comfortably using these acronyms in my own conversations and communications. (Although, I still get a bit confused on who exactly makes up the BOD ... but I’m learning.) So, for all those who haven’t yet received their dose of alphabet soup, KAOL stands for Kansas Assembly of Leaders. This is a great event held each summer for the purpose of inspiring and recharging leaders of the LWML throughout the Kansas District. This summer it includes presidents from local groups as well as zone leaders. Information, ideas, and inspiration will be shared to strengthen the faith of the women of the LWML Kansas District and further the mission of bringing the love of Christ to the world.

These are the kinds of events that make LWML such a great organization. The support provided from LWML to the LWML Kansas District to LWML zones and to local LWML groups ensures that the mission is understood and enthusiastically supported throughout the country.

The Communication Committee strives to provide this support through our work in *The Kansas Sonshine*, the website, social media, the leader directory, and operating audio/visual equipment at events like KAOL and district convention. I hope each group takes advantage of these resources to keep their members connected and inspired in the mission of LWML.

Keep connecting in Christ!

## CHRISTIAN LIFE | Sarah Deepe, Committee Member

### Where’s Your Focus?

Recently, my family of four had a long overdue visit to the eye doctor. The result? Hubby ordered his first pair of bifocals. When he picked them up, they made him nauseous. He hadn’t mastered where to focus for the lenses to help him best. Some of you may empathize with his situation because you’ve had “bifocal training” yourself.

When we don’t focus on Jesus, we can also have less than ideal results in our everyday efforts. Want to know more? Join us **November 12-13** in Wichita at the Airport DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel with speaker Past LWML President Patti Ross for “Keeping Your Focus on Jesus.” The theme verse is Hebrews 12:2. Bring a friend or two or more! There is plenty of room at the venue for “social distancing”. Send in your registration today!

### Christian Life

### Retreat

**November 12-13, 2021**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
2098 Airport Rd, Wichita**

Brochure on [page 5-6](#)  
of this publication.

**Keeping the FOCUS  
on JESUS**



Please join us  
at the  
Lutheran Women  
in Mission  
Christian Life Retreat

Featuring  
**Patti Ross**  
*Past LWML President 2015-2019*

**“Keeping the Focus on Jesus”**

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus ...*  
(Hebrews 12:2)

**November 12-13, 2021**  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
2098 Airport Road  
Wichita, Kansas

Sponsored by the  
LWML Kansas District

Enjoy a relaxing weekend of  
connecting with old friends and  
meeting new ones.

ENJOY MUSIC

MEDITATE IN GOD’S WORD

LIGHTEN YOUR SPIRIT  
WITH LAUGHTER

WIN PRIZES

The LWML Kansas District Store  
will have items available for your  
shopping enjoyment.

Bring your Bible,  
a writing utensil and  
Bring a FRIEND!





## Patti Ross, Past President 2015-2019

Patti's experience in LWML has always been a source of joy. It is no surprise her vision for LWML is that it be enjoyable work, where women can be equipped and encouraged to serve in God's Kingdom. For each woman this brings added spiritual growth and mission opportunities. The LWML is a place where each woman is valued for her uniqueness in God's plan for His church and is engaged in using her special God-given gifts.

Participating in numerous mission trips and serving as LWML president, Patti's faith life has grown to new and greater dimensions. She loves sharing the work of the LWML with other LCMS entities and mission grant recipients. However, seeing the impact first hand of what the Lord can do through the work of wonderful LWML women has been her greatest joy.

Patti and her husband of 46 years, Bill, enjoy water sports, especially scuba diving. During the school year you will find them at Oklahoma State University athletic events. She is a retired registered nurse and served in the U.S. Navy Reserves on active duty in Virginia. Patti and Bill have been blessed with three lovely, fun grandchildren and treasure their roles as Grandpa and Grandma.

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY ~~~ November 12

— *Dinner on your own before the event starts* —

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens, check into rooms / Shopping Open until 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Welcome / Session I

8:00 p.m. Vespers Service

8:45 p.m. Fellowship:

### SATURDAY ~~~ November 13

7:15 a.m. Registration Opens

7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast provided  
Shopping Open until 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Welcome / Session II

11:15 a.m. Break / Shopping Open until  
12:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m. Lunch Served

12:30 p.m. Session III

2:30 p.m. Closing Thoughts

‘Social distancing will be able to be observed as required/needed.’

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION:

(PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICES AND ENCLOSE AMOUNT ACCORDINGLY)  
Hotel Room, Meals & Activities for One Great Price!

*Rooms are Double—Double Beds*

- ☐ 1 person/room \$170.00
- ☐ 2 persons/room \$115.00 per person
- ☐ 3 persons/room \$90.00 per person
- ☐ 4 persons/room \$82.00 per person
- ☐ I plan to attend the retreat, but will not stay at the hotel. Registration cost: \$55.00  
Includes Breakfast and Lunch

♦ **PLEASE ADD \$10 if postmarked AFTER  
September 28, 2021**

I have a roommate/s: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The Committee may assign me a roommate.

## Lunch Choice (choose one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chopped Cobb Salad (grilled chicken, tomato, egg, bacon, crumbled bleu cheese)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Country Club Sandwich (turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato on croissant)

**Make checks payable to LWML Kansas District.**  
Please send registration form with payment to:

**Cathi Temple**  
**214 3rd St.**  
**Westphalia KS 66093**



**Eden Keefe**  
**Gifts of Love Advocate**  
**LWML Kansas District**  
Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Gifts of Love Ministry

***Most Christians don't have a charitable plan for when the Lord calls them to heaven and may be unsure where to start. LWML provides free, professional assistance you can trust. You will have joy and peace of mind knowing your instructions will be carried out.***

Eden Keefe is the Gift Planning Advocate for the LWML Kansas District. She serves with Gift Planning Counselor Carol von Soosten to carry out LWML's Gifts of Love Ministry. Together, they assist LWML women and their families to share their faith, bless their family, and make a lasting impact on ministry.



*Eden was first introduced to the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry through Gift Planning Counselor (GPC) Pat Bilow. She was later blessed to work with both Pat and GPC Linda Gage as the Planned Giving Council Chairman during her term as Vice President of Christian Life. It was in that role that she saw the dedication, confidentiality, and faithful work of the LWML Gifts of Love Ministry and the LCMS Foundation. More recently, she and her husband, Brad, have worked with GPC Carol von Soosten, putting into place the tools to leave a faith legacy, bless their family, and make an enduring impact through ministry.*

*Eden attended St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, and graduated from Southwestern College with a degree in Speech, Drama, and Mass Communication. She has been blessed to serve in LWML positions on the group, zone, district, and national levels, and finds great joy facilitating Bible studies and being a Visual Faith™ Coach. Other interests include reading, taking tea, and spending time with family and friends. Eden and Brad are active members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olathe, Kansas.*

Eden is excited to be a Gifts of Love advocate for the Kansas District and looks forward to talking to Lutheran women about the opportunities for charitable gift planning through the Gifts of Love Ministry. She would welcome the opportunity to be a speaker at your congregational, zone, or district event. She is an enthusiastic presenter, speaks from her experience, and will bring LWML planning resources to share with you.



**Gifts of Love is an official ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League providing free gift planning services to LWML women and their families.**

Eden Keefe, Gifts of Love Advocate  
[lwmleden@gmail.com](mailto:lwmleden@gmail.com)  
Cell: 913-486-7216

## 2022 DISTRICT CONVENTION | Eden Keefe, Convention Chair

### 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention

The 2022 Convention Host Committee met at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park on May 1 and were able to tour much of the function space we will be using at convention. Please continue to lift up in prayer all those planning and preparing to welcome you in April, 2022.

**+ MARK YOUR CALENDAR, APRIL 22-24, 2022 + INVITE A FRIEND TO COME WITH YOU +**

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long (Psalm 25:5).*



## GOSPEL OUTREACH | Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach

I am proud to report that Mission Grant #4 to Lutheran Bible Translators for \$5,000 and Mission Grant #5 to TIG Ministries Partnership for \$4,500 have been paid. Thank you for sending in your mite offerings to support our LWML Kansas District 2020-2022 Mission Grants. Without your generous mite offerings, this would not be possible. Just a reminder that you can send your mite donations to Kathryn Richard, Financial Secretary, directly or give online at the LWML Kansas District website.

As I write this article, I am very excited about the approaching LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. I will be attending the Mission Grants Pre-Convention Seminar for information to further improve our Kansas District guidelines and forms. Just a reminder that the Mission Grant/God's Gracious Gift Fund Application is on the Kansas District website and on page 9-11 of this publication. Please consider submitting an application. Deadline is **September 1, 2021**.

Have a blessed day!

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OR  
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### KANSAS DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION MISSION GRANTS & STUDENT FINANCIAL AID 2020 - 2022

#### BE THOU MY VISION



Hebrews 12:2

- COMPLETED** 1. Orphan Grain Train (\$5,000) -
- COMPLETED** 2. Lutheran Indian Ministries, Haskell LIGHT (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 3. Concordia Theological Seminary (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 4. Lutheran Bible Translators (\$5,000)
- COMPLETED** 5. TIG Ministries Partnership (\$4,500)
- 6. KansaSEED, LCMS Kansas District Deaf Ministry (\$5,000)
- 7. Topeka Lutheran School (\$5,000)
- 8. Kansas District LCMS Retreat Center (\$8,500)

Fall 2020—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Spring 2021—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Fall 2021—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Spring 2022—Student Financial Aid: \$10,000

Heavenly Father, thank you for Your vision to support these organizations during this biennium. Watch over them and guide them to do Your work. In Jesus' name. Amen





## GUIDELINES MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT FUND PROPOSAL

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?  
And how are they to preach unless they are sent?*  
(Romans 10:14-15a)

LWML Kansas District Mission Grants are selected by convention delegates and *paid during the biennium in which they are selected*. Mission grants are paid from mite offerings received during the biennium.

LWML Kansas District God's Gracious Gift Fund Grants are selected by convention delegates and *paid immediately after the convention is ended*. A specific total amount for grants is determined prior to the convention and is paid following the convention. The total amount available will be announced on the LWML Kansas District website prior to the convention.

Choose which grant is appropriate for the mission needs. Typically, Mission Grants require a large amount of funding and God's Gracious Gift Fund Grants require a smaller amount of funding. A proposal option is to allow the LWML Kansas District Gospel Outreach (GO) Committee select the grant that best fits the application.

Deadlines are strictly followed. Please pay close attention to all deadline dates.

Grant proposals may be submitted by an LWML Group or individual. Proposals must be for individuals or groups affiliated with LCMS or a Recognized Service Organization (RSO).

The grant recipient must be affiliated with one of the following: LWML, LCMS, an LCMS District, or a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Please be as specific as possible when indicating the need for funds. Attach additional pages if necessary. Keep in mind that the proposed project must be viable during the biennium in which it is requested. Photographs are welcome, but not required.

All application information will be used to choose the grant proposals that will be brought before convention delegates.



## MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Please refer to the Guidelines for Mission Grant Proposal/God's Gracious Gift Fund Proposal for completing this form.

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

(For committee use only)

Please select one of the following (refer to Guidelines for suggestions):

☐ District Mission Grant

☐ God's Gracious Gift Fund

☐ Either Grant

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(LWML GROUP / INDIVIDUAL) (CONGREGATION / CITY)

is submitting the following project for consideration at the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention.

The proposed project is for \_\_\_\_\_  
(ORGANIZATION)

in \_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY / STATE / COUNTRY)

Recipient contact information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX) (CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PHONE NUMBER) (EMAIL ADDRESS)

The recipient must be affiliated with one of the following. Please check the one that applies to this request.

☐ LWML    ☐ LCMS District    ☐ LCMS    ☐ Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of LCMS

The money is needed for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Be as specific as possible. Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is the need current?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

When is the money needed? *(Keep in mind this proposed project must be viable during the 2022-2024 biennium.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

Has the project had other funding sources?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No    *(If yes, list other funding sources and amounts.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

How does this project share the Gospel with those who haven't before heard or believed it?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think this would be a good project for LWML Kansas District?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This application is submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

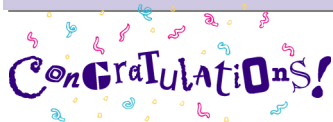
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:**    Janice Cundiff, VP of Gospel Outreach  
103 S. Rodehaver Ave.  
Oberlin, KS 67749  
785-475-3695  
grants@kansaslwml.org

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

**Note:**

1. If emailing this grant application or if using the electronic online form, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the application. If acknowledgement is not received **within three (3) days**, please contact the VP of Gospel Outreach.
2. If the grant application is mailed through the postal service, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. If acknowledgement is not received **within ten (10) days**, please contact the VP of Gospel Outreach.



to the following zones for reviewing and ratifying their bylaws since 2019:

- \* Herington (April, 2019)
- \* KC Crossroads (October, 2019)
- \* Northeast (March, 2020)
- \* Linn (April, 2020)
- \* Northwest (October, 2020)
- \* Manhattan (March, 2021)

If your zone is still in the process of bylaws review, keep up the good work! As you are able to meet together again for meetings and discussions, please include another look at your bylaws and send questions/concerns/finished products to Organizational Resources. We are here to help any way we can. The zones we believe are still in process are: Topeka, Wichita, Southeast, Hutchinson, Southwest, and Lincoln.

If you think your zone should be on the finished list and it isn't, it is probably because the Organizational Resources Committee has not received a digital copy of your final ratified bylaws. Please make sure that a final copy for the committee's files is sent to Kirsten Hastings, chairman of the Organizational Resources Committee or to me at [resources@kansaslwml.org](mailto:resources@kansaslwml.org). Blessings on your work!

## DISTRICT PLANNER | Eden Keefe

### Style Guide Tips



The Style Guide tips this issue focus on one of our big M's – mites. When writing, it is preferred that you use the term mite offering, mite donation, or mite giving (always lowercase). This is especially helpful when your audience may not be familiar with the term. However, we do capitalize Mite Box as it is no longer a registered trademark of LWML.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE | Tammy Taylor, Committee Chair

The District Nominating Committee is seeking nominees to be placed on the ballot for the 2022 LWML Kansas District convention for the **following district positions**:

- Vice President of Organizational Resources,
- Vice President of Special Focus Ministries,
- Vice president of Christian Life,
- Vice President of Gospel Outreach
- Treasurer



The deadline for submitting nominations is **September 15, 2021**. These district offices will be elected by delegates at the 2022 convention in Overland Park. We are looking for nominations from your zone, your LWML group, or anyone you may know from another zone that could fill a position. You may also volunteer to fill a position! Please do what you can to help fill the 2022 ballot. All suggestions are welcome. Thank you for your prayers regarding nominees and for prayerful consideration to serve in one of these district offices.

Email Tammy at [nominations@kansaslwml.org](mailto:nominations@kansaslwml.org) with possible nominations. Blessings!



Every year, young women are invited to attend the district or national convention as Young Woman Representatives (YWR), but how do you keep them involved before and after their mountain top experience?



### 1. Keep Asking

My own journey with LWML began with the invitation to be a Young Women Representative (YWR). In the fall of 2018, I was approached by a member who asked if I would be interested in attending the national convention as a YWR. It was mentioned that my expenses would be paid for and I would be attending as a special guest. I was intrigued because I'd been very involved in my youth group and always looked forward to attending the district and national youth gatherings. Prior to her asking, though, LWML hadn't crossed my mind as an organization that I wanted to be a part of. While growing up, the one event I recall about LWML was the yearly display of quilts that were crafted the previous year. In my mind, it appeared to be a group for "older" women to hang out together. If she hadn't asked me, I probably would never have seen how wrong my old assumptions were.

### 2. Build Relationships

After I took up the offer to be a YWR, I began attending the monthly group meetings at my church and, boy was I pleasantly surprised! Women who got together monthly to have a Bible study and eat dessert? Yes, please! I had finally found a place where I could grow closer to God and become acquainted with the ladies in my church. I always look forward to these meetings because I learn more each time about their lives. I never would have had this opportunity by only attending church on Sunday mornings.

### 3. Share the Mission

Finally, it came time for me to attend the convention. This is where I gained the most knowledge about LWML. I had no idea there were so many layers—from church groups, to zones, to districts, and all the way up to the national level. Being among over 3,000 women and witnessing changes the mission grants accomplish around the world was inspiring. If I had known **this** is what LWML was about, I would have become involved a lot sooner.

### 4. Get them involved

After attending the convention as a YWR, I felt a bit lost. I had learned a lot about LWML, but was still navigating where I fit in. Not long after, I was asked to join the LWML Kansas District Special Focus Ministries Committee. I decided to say yes and will see where God plans to take me! When you become involved, you develop a sense of belonging. It's very motivating for your ideas to be heard and put into action.

Overall, keeping YWR's involved starts with a relationship. A personal invitation really makes a difference and if you keep asking, eventually she'll have to say yes! Be welcoming and get to know the young woman on a personal level. Work together to advance the mission of LWML and get her involved any way you can.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus is such a joy, especially when we're doing it together!



The application for Young Woman Representative for the 2022 LWML Kansas District Convention will be in *The Kansas Sonshine*—Fall Edition. **NOW** is the time to start forming a relationship with a young woman in your congregation or zone. YWR's for the district convention are sent by the zone, watch for upcoming deadlines.

# LWML KANSAS DISTRICT ZONE AND GROUP NEWS



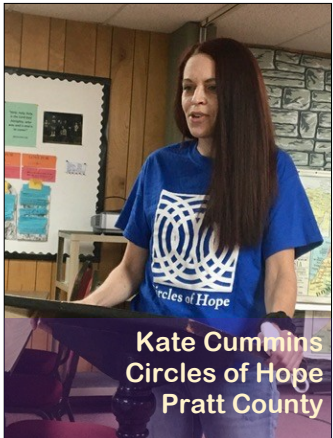
**Daughters of Zion LWML group in Vassar** invited Alli Bauck and Eden Keefe to be guest speakers at their May 4 salad supper. Shari Weber coordinated the program with President Eva Anschutz giving the welcome. Alli shared how she first got involved in LWML and how God led her to the ministry opportunity of creating a small, local, young women's group (Eve Circle). Eden presented about the blessings and impact of LWML mite offerings, missions, and mentoring. The women's event was well attended with a delicious array of food, lovely table decorations, table favors, and giveaways.

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**St. Paul Lutheran Ladies' Aid of Preston** invited Kate Cummins, coordinator of Circles of Hope Pratt County, to speak about her journey out of poverty. Circles is a community supported organization that helps people lift themselves out of poverty.

Kate and husband Mike enrolled in the 12 week course followed by an 18 month follow through program with two Allies (trained volunteers). Allies provide ongoing learning and support. Kate and Mike reached over 200% above the federal poverty level. When Pratt's coordinator recently retired, Kate was called upon to take over. "Circles of Hope has given us Hope!"

Ladies of St. Paul have served meals to Circles of Hope since its onset in 2015. A meal including chicken tetrazzini and homemade rolls was served to enrollees of the current Circles of Hope class on March 15.



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*As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.*

**LWML KC CrossRoads Zone Spring Event** was held April 10 at Beautiful Savior, Olathe. The morning included singing, reports, and the election and installation of zone officers: Patty Mader (Bethany) as Zone President, Chyleen Pausick as Treasurer (Risen Savior), and Carolyn Hanson (Beautiful Savior) as VP of Caring Service.

Ingathering items received included 65 boxes of band aids for [Noah's Bandage Project](#) and 52 boxes of cereal, 188 individual fruit cups, 78 cans of soup, 10 packs of tuna, and three packs of chicken for the Pioneer Trail BackSnack program.

Carol von Soosten spoke about the LWML Gifts of Love ministry which is offered as a free service to LWML members and their families. For more information go to [www.lwmlgiftplan.org](http://www.lwmlgiftplan.org) or contact Carol von Soosten [carol.vonsoosten@lfnd.org](mailto:carol.vonsoosten@lfnd.org), 800-741-4138.





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**Hutchinson Zone Spring Event** was held April 24 at St. Paul's, Cheney with 42 in attendance. Opening devotions were led by Pastor Chet Scherbarth. The speaker for the morning was John Evans, Warehouse Manager from Orphan Grain Train in Wichita. Ingathering items of new baby sleepers, baby bottles, and pacifiers were collected for Orphan Grain Train. Mite offerings were collected in memory of women in the zone who have joined our Lord in heaven and a memorial sunflower listed their names. Marsha Giggy presented the zone with a Kansas LWML sunflower sign that can be sent with zone delegate Kathy Thurman to the Lexington Convention. Marsha also presented Elise with a beautiful sunflower cross with thanks for her service to LWML.



John Geuy, Daryl Lorenz, John Evans with items for OGT



Shopping at the LWML Store

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**Northeast Zone** held their Spring Rally on April 10, 2021, at Christ Lutheran Church in Wathena. Twenty three ladies and two pastors were in attendance. The speaker was Dana Clary, representing Kaden's Kloset, which assists foster children with many necessary items to children who are uprooted and have nothing to call their own. This is a volunteer-run organization located in Troy, Kansas, and serves up to 1700 children in Doniphan, Brown, and Nemaha counties. The NE Zone donated 172 various items along with a generous monetary gift.

As there wasn't a Spring Rally in 2020, Pastor Michael Dunaway installed new zone officers. Peggy Coder, Zone President; Martha Pearson, VP of Christian Life; Sarah Kleopfer, VP of Caring Service; Lela Middendorf, Treasurer; Angela Williams, Special Focus Ministries; and Cindy Manche, Secretary. Debbie Lehman was the LWML Kansas District representative. Lela Middendorf will be delegate to the LWML convention. Following the meeting everyone enjoyed a salad luncheon and fellowship.



Dana Clary  
Kaden's Kloset



Northeast Zone Officer Installation

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Greetings Sisters in Christ! **Manhattan Zone** held their Spring Rally March 13 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Duluth, under the theme, *Fruit that will Last*, based on John 15:16-17. A mite challenge involved voting for a favorite fruit: banana, apple, peach, or grapes. (By the way, peach won.)

The guest speaker was Susan Brunkow, LWML Vice President of Christian Life, who provided us many resources available through [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). The women involved at the national level have certainly been busy providing so many tools and resources; particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hats off to LWML!

During the business meeting, the Manhattan Zone approved their recently updated Zone Bylaws and held elections. Those elected were Zone President Julie Hatesohl, and Vice President Carolyn Stutzman. Gayle Grimm was voted to assume the role of Secretary to replace Julie Hatesohl. The Manhattan Fall Event will be September 25 at St. Luke's, Manhattan.



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TIG Ministries Women's Retreat  
HorseThief Reservoir, Jetmore, KS

On May 1 the **Women of the TIG Ministry** held a retreat at HorseThief Reservoir, Jetmore. Pastor Mike Hageman lead Bible study and grilled lunch with Pastor Santi Keinbaum. A servant event of assembling toiletry purses was given to Family Crisis. The take home favor was "build your own" keychain or necklace using the MOST Ministries bead instructions. There was lots of good food, fellowship, and a sharing of LWML information with the women of Trinity, Immanuel, and Grace Lutheran Churches (Garden City, Lakin, and Ulysses). The announcement of the payment of Mission Grant #5 to TIG Ministries was received with an enthusiastic praise to God for His blessings (and a singing of the Doxology)!

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**Southeast Zone Spring Event** was a joyful success with thirty two in attendance. Pastor Kevin Peterson accompanied singing on his guitar. Substantial contributions were made to the Independence Food Bank. Mary Dohl brought greetings from the LWML Kansas District and information about the Lexington Convention. The Mission Speaker, Rev. Matthew Wood, gave us insight into life in Indonesia and his work with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church on developing a hymnal in their language. Zion Independence ladies provided wonderful snacks and a box supper to take on the road. Attendees each received a drinking glass with an etching of the new LWML logo.

### 2021 LWML Convention Bus — Kansas to Kentucky and back!

The LWML convention was wonderful! The women who rode the Kansas bus to Lexington had a great time, as you can see by their smiles.

A special thank you to those who made it possible for the bus to go to the LWML convention. An anonymous donor helped keep the costs down. The bus participants greatly appreciated your help.

God's blessings to you.

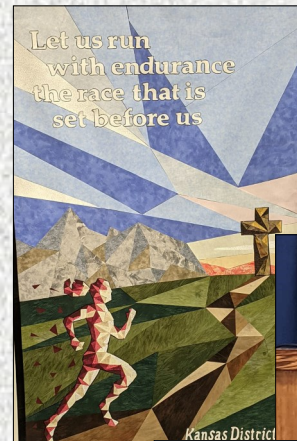




## 2021 LWML CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

### STATISTICS FROM THE 2021 LWML CONVENTION

- ♥ Just under 100 Kansas women registered
- ♥ 2,787 people attended the 2021 convention
- ♥ Three Kansas LWML women were elected to offices for 2021-2025
- ♥ The voting body approved a mission goal of \$2,150,000
- ♥ 90% of the mission goal will be used to fund mission projects
- ♥ Twenty-eight mission projects were selected for funding
- ♥ A total of \$126,214.44 was collected in convention offerings
- ♥ The Mission Walk raised \$96,232.92—1,100 participants in Lexington
- ♥ Tee Up 4 Mites raised \$30,710
- ♥ Gifts from the Heart Ingathering brought in cash donations of \$7,487
- ♥ There were ten Friday Lunch Info Gathering Sessions; eleven Saturday Special Interest Sessions; and eight early morning Bible studies
- ♥ Thirteen new Heart to Heart Sisters District Leaders were trained
- ♥ A total of eighty-five units of blood were given during the Blood Drive



### CONVENTION FUN FACTS

- ♥ LWML communion ware pottery was created by Walt Schmidt of Hickory Tree Studio, Bloomington, Indiana
- ♥ Servant Events included Campus Ministries student goodie bags; fleece blankets and pillows for Graceworks Lutheran Services; meal bags for Love the Hungry; braille and large print materials for Lutheran Braille Workers; bracelets for MOST Ministries; school kits for Orphan Grain Train; Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends; encouragement cards for Refuge for Women
- ♥ Billie Renee & Cumberland Gap is entertainment worth seeing!
- ♥ Old and young CAN work together in LWML, according to Gertie and Marcy (aka Jan Struck and Abby Goehring)
- ♥ It is possible to fill in as song leader for an LWML convention at the last minute—thank you Elinor Paulison!
- ♥ Comfort Dogs?? At a convention?? ABSOLUTELY!
- ♥ Patience is required to be a voting delegate ... chocolate is a necessity

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### 2021

July 16-17— Kansas Assembly of Leaders (KAOL), Holy Cross, Wichita

September 1— Mission Grant/God's Gracious Gift Fund Applications due

September 15— Officer Nominations for 2022-2024 biennium due

October 5-8 — Lutheran World Relief truck pick up

November 12-13— LWML Kansas District Christian Life Women's Retreat

### 2022

April 22-24—LWML Kansas District Convention,

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Overland Park

To be included on the District Prayer Mail (P-mail) group listing, please send your name and current email address to Velma Bass, [pmail@kansaslwml.org](mailto:pmail@kansaslwml.org). Requests, thanksgivings, and joys are distributed in "blind copy" manner so that your email address is not shared.

Contact information changes for groups or zones should be emailed to Brenda Piester at [directory@kansaslwml.org](mailto:directory@kansaslwml.org).

Be sure to document your LWML group or zone event with a brief article (pictures optional) for the next issue of *The Kansas Sonshine!*  
Email your information to Sherri Rose, [sonshine@kansaslwml.org](mailto:sonshine@kansaslwml.org).



Did you miss parts of the LWML convention??

Were you unable to attend??

You can stream any part or all of the convention from the LWML website, [www.livestream.com/thelwml](http://www.livestream.com/thelwml)

See results of the new mission grants, Mites in Action speakers, Bible study, keynote speaker, banner procession, flags of the world procession, and much more!



### Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Kansas District will nurture, motivate, and prepare Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod women to serve the Lord with gladness.*